
Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 26614 of the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1075, as introduced, Hollingsworth. Emergency services: providers.

Existing law provides that the board of supervisors of a county may authorize the sheriff to search for and rescue persons who are lost or are in danger of their lives. Existing law also requires that this authorization for search and rescue activities be consistent with guidelines and operating plans developed and adopted by the Office of Emergency Services, except as provided.

Existing law also requires that the office make the plan available to counties and fire protection and law enforcement agencies for use and adoption by the board of supervisors and the governing boards of all search and rescue providers. Existing law also encourages counties to adopt and review their plans on a regular basis.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 26614 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 26614. (a) The board of supervisors of a county may
- 4 authorize the sheriff to search for and rescue persons who are lost

1 or are in danger of their lives within or in the immediate vicinity
2 of the county. The expense incurred by the sheriff in the
3 performance of those duties shall be a proper county charge.
4 Authorization for search and rescue activities shall be consistent
5 with guidelines and operating plans contained in the Search and
6 Rescue Model Operating Plan, as developed and adopted by the
7 Office of Emergency Services in consultation with fire protection
8 and law enforcement service providers. ~~The~~

9 *(b) The* Office of Emergency Services shall make the plan
10 available to counties and fire protection and law enforcement
11 agencies for use and adoption by the board of supervisors and the
12 governing boards of all search and rescue providers. If the board
13 assigns responsibility for search and rescue activities in a manner
14 that is inconsistent with these model operating guidelines, the
15 board shall adopt a resolution to clarify why the local model
16 provides better protections than the Search and Rescue Model
17 Operating Plan, as developed by the Office of Emergency
18 Services, to residents in need of county search and rescue
19 services. ~~Counties~~

20 *(c) Counties* are encouraged to adopt their countywide search
21 and rescue plans and to review them on a regular basis. A review
22 of a countywide search and rescue plan shall include, but is not
23 limited to, changes made to the Search and Rescue Model
24 Operating Plan by the Office of Emergency Services. ~~This~~

25 *(d) This* section shall not be construed to vest any additional
26 powers for search and rescue upon sheriffs or any other public
27 safety agency that provides search and rescue.